

# Summer 2015 U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) Undergraduate Research Internship Program



**Program:** The USMARC Undergraduate Research Internship Program provides an opportunity for college students interested in a possible research career in animal agriculture to receive cutting edge research experience while under the mentorship of established Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists. Students will be selected on a competitive basis to fill one of six internships. Students will apply for a specific research project by selecting from abstracts that describe available projects within each Research Unit. In addition to their research project, students will participate in formal weekly discussions, which will provide the opportunity to share their experiences with their peers and other research scientists at the Center.

**Facilities:** The USMARC is a world-renowned animal research facility within the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the primary research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Mission of the USMARC is to develop scientific information and new technology to solve high priority problems for the U.S. Beef, Swine, and Sheep Industries. The Center is located in South Central Nebraska on 35,000 acres. Research approaches involve multidisciplinary teams consisting of 53 scientists and post-docs as well as 200 supporting personnel with emphasis on both short-term and long-term solutions to animal production and product quality. About 50 percent of the research effort focuses on beef cattle, 30 percent on swine, and 20 percent with sheep. The Center is organized into four Research Units.



For information about each Research Unit, use the link below to visit the Center homepage: [U.S. Meat Animal Research Center Homepage](#)

- Genetics , Breeding and Animal Health
- Meat Safety & Quality
- Nutrition & Environmental Management
- Reproduction

## Benefits:

- Opportunity to work with world-renowned animal research scientists
- A salary of \$11.06 per hour plus earned leave benefits
- Hands-on experience in diverse areas of animal science
- Experience as a federal employee within the USDA
- Idyllic prairie setting with abundant meat animal resources (beef cattle, sheep and swine) on a 35,000 acre campus

## Eligibility:

To qualify for this program students must:

- Be currently enrolled at a college or university
- Have completed their sophomore year by start of employment
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Have a university faculty advisor for the program

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

USDA/ARS is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



**Applications must be postmarked by February 6, 2015.**

**Selections will be made by March 13, 2015.**

**Employment is available beginning May 4, 2015, up to August 30, 2015. The educational program will run June 1, 2015 through July 24, 2015.**

**To request additional program information contact:**

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